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Communist China - South Vietnam: The Chinese Communist Foreign Ministry issued a statement on 29 November saying that Peiping "cannot remain indifferent" to stepped-up US

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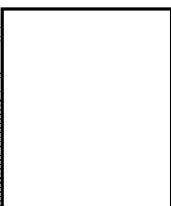
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actions in South Vietnam. The statement added that unless the US stopped its "aggressive acts," it would bear "full responsibility for breaching the peace." Peiping is attempting to inhibit the build-up of US forces in South Vietnam by heightening fears over a major East-West conflict there.

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The Watch Committee at its meeting on 29 November 1961 reached the following conclusion concerning South Vietnam:

Viet Cong subversive and military activity continues at a high rate, with no indication that the South Vietnamese Government can effectively reverse the trend in the near future.

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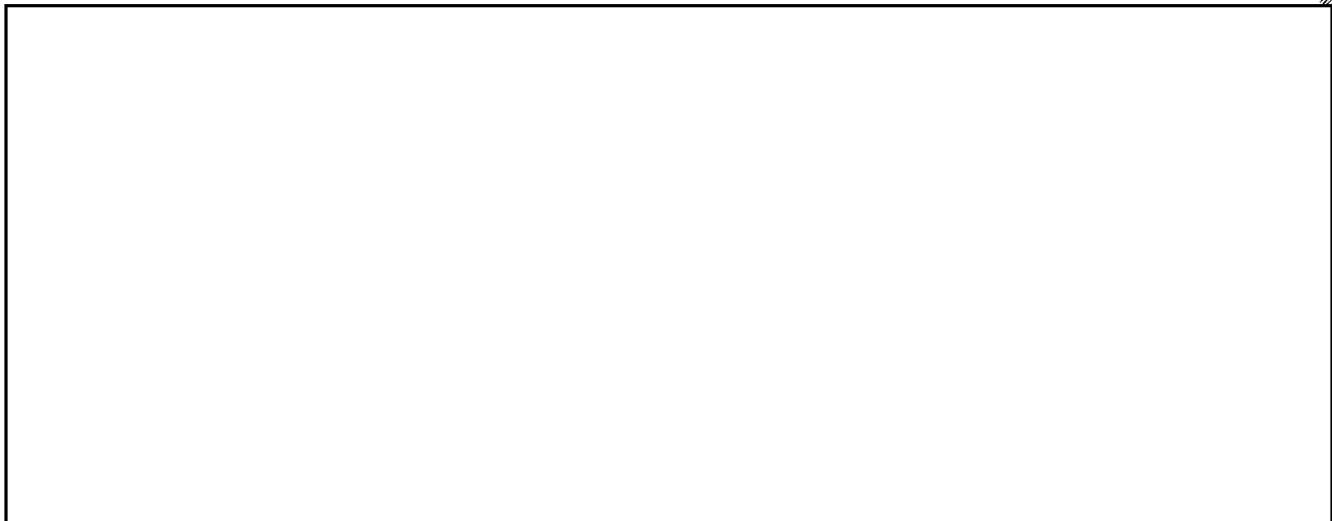
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If a substantial part of the 4,500-man army does revolt, the King would probably try to use the Cyrenaican Defense Force to restore order. The Cyrenaican Defense Force is an internal police organization headquartered in Bengasi and is somewhat smaller but generally considered more effective than the Libyan Army. If a protracted crisis occurred, the King would almost certainly request intervention by the British military units stationed in Libya.

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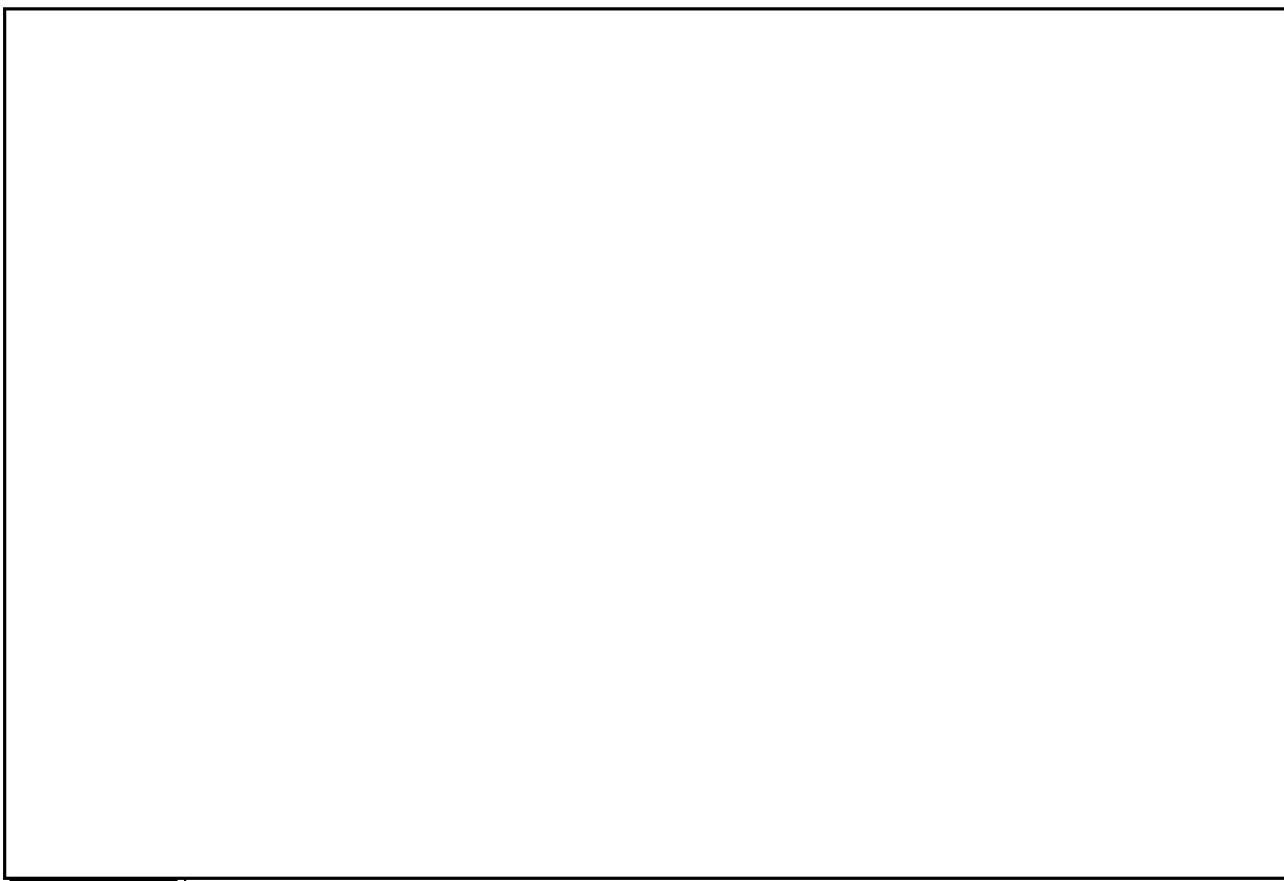
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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS

[On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:]

[No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends deliberately to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.]

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